

# Senate District C

## Albert M. Kookesh, Democrat



**DATE OF BIRTH:** November 24, 1948  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Juneau, Alaska  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Sally M. Kookesh  
**CHILDREN:** Elaine, Jaeleen, Reanna, Albert, Walter  
**RESIDENCE ADDRESS:** 911 Ferry Way  
Angoon, Alaska 99820  
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Angoon, Alaska 99820  
**OCCUPATION:** Lodge Owner  
**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 55 years  
Angoon 1948 to present (with the exception of years spent at school.)

**EDUCATION:**  
Mt. Edgecumbe High School, 1965-1967, diploma;  
Alaska Methodist University, 1970-1973, B.A.;  
University of Washington School of Law, 1973-1976, J.D.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
State House of Representatives, four terms.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Chair/board member, Sealaska Corporation; Co-Chairman of the Board, Alaska Federation of Natives; Trustee, First Alaskans Institute.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Lions Club, Alaska Native Brotherhood.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Basketball, fishing, hunting, sports.

### STATEMENT:

I have been active in state government for 12 years, and have been involved in statewide public policy for three decades. I feel that I have the background and skills to represent the largest Senate District in the United States, consisting of 126 communities and encompassing 250,000 square miles. My wife and I live and work in rural Alaska and we raised our family of five children in Angoon. Education, transportation, electric power rates, fuel costs, and lack of public safety are the challenges that we face as rural residents. I've been a commercial fisherman, and I hunt and fish for food that I put on my family's table. For eight years I have represented my district in the House and I believe that experience will benefit my constituents in the Senate.

I have supported and voted for: Longevity Bonus, the Endowment for Power Cost Equalization (PCE), Deferred Maintenance for Schools, Increased Education Funding for Schools and the University Alaska, and I also support funding for preventive programs in health such as the alcohol treatment. I have worked hard to allow for a vote of the people on the subsistence issue facing the State of Alaska. I do have a college degree from Alaska Methodist University and a Juris Doctorate of Law from the University of Washington. My wife Sally is a schoolteacher for the Chatham School District in Angoon, which gives me a personal perspective of the Alaska School System.

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